

REMARKS


The specification is amended to change the numeral reference "41a" on page 4 into -- 41 -- so as to be in consistence with the numeral references on Figs 1-3.

Claims 3 and 4 are rejected 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Lamo et al. However, the Examiner has pointed out that claims 1-2 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s), set forth in this Office action.

Responsive to this, claims 3 and 4 are deleted and claim 1 is amended by inserting a term -- is -- prior to the term "threadedly" in claim 1, line 6 as suggested by Examiner. It is believed that, the amended claim 1 has disclosed a structure whose construction and function are quite different from and patentably distinguishable over the cited prior arts. Therefore, it is believed that, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) should be removed, and the amended claim 1 should be allowable. It is further submitted the amended claim 2 is allowable as it is dependent upon the amended claim 1 which is believed to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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